

12 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

CIG Committee on Geographical Names - First Meeting

1. This meeting of representatives of CIG Offices was called as a result of a decision by the Joint Map and Survey Board of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to form an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the problem of foreign geographical names. It was therefore necessary that a CIG representative be selected and briefed on the interests of the various offices in this problem. Colonel Stevens, Captain Knowles (?), [redacted] represented ORE. Mr. Harvey, OSO and Mr. Bagnall, OO. [redacted] was delegated as the CIG representative.

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2. The following points were discussed:

a. Necessity for approaching the problem in phases. The first phase, the compilation of sources, to be considered at this time.

b. Collation and evaluation of these sources.

c. Machine-recording of results and consequent issuance of compilations as desired by the various agencies.

d. Possible assistance to BGN in the way of machine records or funds.

The first three points were agreed upon as steps to be considered in detail by the Ad Hoc Committee. The fourth point was inconclusive. OSO and OO representatives stressed need for urgent consideration of subsequent phases due to present processing of unique sources and daily operational requirements for standardized techniques. This was viewed however as precipitate and anticipatory.

3. Meeting adjourned with request that each Office Representative forward a memorandum by 1000, 12 May indicating:

a. Interests of Office concerned in first phase.

b. Gaps in present gazeteers or geographical name sources.

c. Assessment of own sources.

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